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## **CIP UPDATE**

### **ROCKFORD JUNCTION TRACK RELOCATION** **BUCKBEE STREET CLOSURE**

As part of the Rockford Junction Track Improvement, Buckbee Street will be closed starting Monday, August 15, 2011. The limits of the project are between Kishwaukee Street and Seminary Street. The closure for Buckbee Street will be at the track crossing and result in a marked detour. The closure will be extended until September 23, 2011, due to utility conflicts at the track crossing.

Please use extreme care when traveling in this area.

### **STONERIDGE BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION**

Stoneridge Bridge reconstruction is in progress. The bridge will be totally replaced. During construction the bridge will be closed to all traffic. There will be a detour setup for the residents living on Stoneridge Drive. Estimated completion date of the project is the end of November, 2011.

### **SPRING BROOK ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**

Reconstruction of Spring Brook Road from Summerfield Commons to Bell School Road has begun. During construction the road will be open to local traffic only. The project is expected to be complete by the end of October, 2011. Please use extreme caution when driving in the area.

## **FAIRVIEW BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION**

On Tuesday, September 6, 2011, the reconstruction of the Fairview Bridge began. During construction the bridge will be closed to all traffic. The bridge will receive a complete new deck, parapet walls, sidewalk and some repair to the piers. Expected reopening of the bridge is on or before November 18, 2011. Please follow the signed detour during construction and use extreme caution while driving in the area.

## **KISHWAUKEE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PHASE II**

On Monday, September 12, 2011, the City of Rockford started Phase II of the Kishwaukee Street project. The limits of the project are from Brooke Road to Sandy Hollow Road. The project consists of replacement of some concrete base repair, existing asphalt removal, new binder and surface course, some curb replacement, ADA curb ramps at each intersection, manhole repairs, inlet repairs and other related work. When the project is finished, the street will be striped as a three-lane cross section with the middle lane being a bi-directional turn lane, the same as Kishwaukee Street Reconstruction Phase I. Kishwaukee Street will be open during construction with some lane shifting as needed during construction. Please use extreme caution while driving in the construction area.

## **MORGAN STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

On Thursday, August 18, 2011, the Morgan Street Bridge closed. A new tied-arch bridge will be constructed in its place. Preliminary prep work has begun for the installation of a new water main, as well as demolition of the bridge. The limits of construction encompass College Avenue/Morgan Street from Kishwaukee Street to South Main Street. The improvements include replacement of the water main, storm sewer, and some sanitary improvements, new roadway, curb and gutter, sidewalks, recreational path, and a roundabout at the intersection of College Avenue and Seminary Street. All residents and businesses will be able to maintain access during construction. Please use extreme caution while traveling within the construction limits. There will be a signed detour set up for those who use the bridge. The detour route traveling east on Morgan Street is south on South Main Street, east to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and north on Kishwaukee Street. The detour route travelling west on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue/ College Avenue is Kishwaukee Street south to 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, north to Kishwaukee Street. The project contract completion date is Friday, December 23, 2013.

For questions concerning these projects, please contact project manager Martin Ruvolo at 815-961-3772.